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ABSTRACT

Major changes are taking place in western families which affect the way professionals interact with families. Drawing on a multidisciplinary team of scholars, this book presents a synthesis of the demographic, theoretical, and research data on the various permutations of the single parent family. Topics include economics, single custodial or noncustodial parenting, single parenting by grandparents, and single parents of disabled children. Articles are: (1) "Single Parent Families: Present and Future Perspectives" (Hanson and others); (2) "Single Parents and Wider Families in the New Context of Legitimacy" (Donati); (3) A Conceptualization of Parenting: Examining the Single Parent Family" (Horowitz); (4) "The Changing Demographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics of Single Parent Families" (Bianchi); (5) "The Economics of Single Parenthood" (Lino); (6) "Poverty and the Single Mother Family: A Macroeconomic Perspective" (Bowen and others); (7) "Homeless Female-Headed Families: Relationships at Risk" (Steinbock); (8) "Single Parenthood and the Law" (Walters and Abshire); (9) "Single Mothers with Custody Following Divorce" (Ladd and Zvonkovic); (10) "Single Fathers with Custody Following Divorce" (Greif); (11) "Noncustodial Mothers Following Divorce" (Herrerias); (12) "Noncustodial Fathers Following Divorce" (Fox and Blanton); (13) "Noncustodial Parents: Emergent Issues of Diversity and Process" (Arditti); (14) "Never Married/Biological Teen Mother Headed Household" (Prater); (15) "Young Nonresident Biological Fathers" (Marsiglio); (16) "Context and Surrogate Parenting among Contemporary Grandparents" (Burton and others); (17) "Adoptions by Single Parents" (Shireman); (18) "Single Parenting in Families of Children with Disabilities" (Boyce and others); (19) "Single Parent Widows: Stressors, Appraisal, Coping, Resources, Grieving Responses and Health" (Gass-Sternas); (20) "Widowers as Single Fathers" (Burgess); (21) "Single Parent Families" A Bookshelf" (Schlesinger); (22) "Video/Filmography on Single Parenting" (Kimmons); (23) "Resources for Single Parent Families" (Julian); (24) "Quality of Life and Well-Being of Single Parent Families" (Ihinger-Tallman); and (25) "From Stereotype to Archtype"